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Students Recognized In Honors Day Convocation

One hundred and sixty-nine men and women of the Prairie View student body were given due recognition for their achievements and contributions to the life of the college during Honors Day Convocation held recently in the Auditorium-Gymnasium.

Emuel E. Cleaver, an alumnus of the College and currently the Principal of Dunbar High School, Lufkin, Texas, served as the speaker for the occasion.

Presented to the audience by Dr. J. M. Drew, Dean of Instruction, Mr. Cleaver expressed "joy at returning to the old hill and becoming re-invigorated—as only older graduates can."

The speaker, referred to his knowing of "no other earthly honors that lie so close to one's memories as those achieved during one's college career."

He cautioned the listeners to: "Be ready! for you will be hired and fired, promoted and demoted on the basis of merit. There are plenty 'average' people; however, today's demands are for the 'above average' individuals."

"Honor," a vocal solo, was rendered by Kay Frances Jones, graduating senior music student, following the address by Mr. Cleaver.

Stating that students to receive the awards had "Set patterns of excellence for the things they wish to do in life," Dr. T. P. Dooley, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, presented the 45 Scholarship Awards to the recipients.

Seventy-seven awards — Student Life and Certificates and Keys—were presented by James E. Nix, Director of Student Activities.

Seventy-one awards were presented by W. J. Nicks, Director of Athletics.

Among the many awards given were: the T. K. Lawless Award to the senior student making the most outstanding contribution to the

College, received by Edwardlene M. Fleeks; the Harrison-Valien Award to the graduating senior having highest scholastic average, received by Gladys L. Pearson; the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award, received by Arnold Brigman; the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers Scholarship, received by Cleotrice O. Tillis; the George R. Rovey Johnson Award to the student making greatest contribution to the Student Welfare Committee, received by Cluren Richardson.

Many awards were made for outstanding performance in English, Science, Home Economics, Industrial Education, Engineering, and Business Administration.

Student - organizations whose purposes included awards to deserving fellow-students were The New Progressive Veterans Club and the Barons.

Both the AKA Sorority Tuition Scholarship Award and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Award were made to coeds on the bases of scholastic rating, character, conduct and leadership.

Certificates and Key Awards presented were: Debating Certificates; The Charles Gilpin Dramatic Awards; Dean of Men's Certificates; Dean of Women's Certificates and the PANTHER Key Award.

Athletic awards included: "V-Neck sweaters; NCA Plaques, NCA sweater-jackets, NCA certificates and blanket, each of which bore the 'National Championship Award,'" leather jackets marked with the NCA and Southwestern Conference Champions; and a gold football tie clamp were received by first, second, third and fourth year football players.

Varsity basketball, baseball, tennis, field and track lettermen were made awards and recognized for their outstanding performances in the sports in which they participated.



SYMBOLIC OF ACHIEVEMENT is the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award which was one of the many awards presented on Honors Day.

Arnold Brigman, Business Administration graduating senior, received the medal and subscription for his "quality of performance" as a student BA major.

State NFA to Conven May 2 through 4

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of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; Dr. George Hurt, Acting Chief Agricultural Services, Texas Education Agency; Vannoy Stewart, Acting Chief Consultant Agricultural Services, Texas Education Agency.

College livestock and poultry will be used as the "subjects" upon which the "New Farmers" will test their judging skill. Members of the College faculty will serve as judges during the various competitions.

Dr. E. M. Norris of the Prairie View faculty is Acting State Adviser for NFA, and Mr. J. R. Powell is Assistant to the State Adviser.

We are definitely on the side of the younger generation because there are so many of them and because they have most of the votes and the purchasing power.

President E. B. Evans Received Honor at Conference Banquet

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the Phillis Wheatley High School Cafeteria, Houston.

President E. B. Evans, H. T. Mason, Wiley College, Marshall, Texas; and Rev. D. C. Fowler, were the three "originators" who were feted.

Persons associated with the Southwestern Conference athletic program are well acquainted with Dr. Evans' interest in its development and promotions. For more than a quarter of a century, President Evans has contended that athletics hold an important place in developing good citizenship through sportsmanship. This can be done without sacrificing academic preparation and the pursuit of the arts and sciences.

Representatives of the seven colleges comprising the Southwestern Athletic Conference were in attendance at the banquet at which Dr. Nolan H. Anderson of Marshall, Texas, was the main speaker.

The history of the Conference is filled with many interesting and colorful movements which have given meaning and significance to the college programs associated therewith.

"Still going strong" with the determination to improve the features of the Conference are the honorees who seem to have "just begun to fight" in the interest of bigger and better plans for the regional association.

English Major Accepted in Chicago Summer Project

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in social agencies, and to see the relation of Christian faith and the social and economic life through seminars and trips.

The Chicago Community Service Project will be conducted from June 22 to August 22, 1954.

"We feel particularly proud of Miss Eubanks, because her selection was based on her excellent performance both academically and as a member of the YWCA," stated Miss A. L. Campbell, Head of the Department of English.

The Department Head continued, "This is the first time that a Prairie View student has received the opportunity to participate in this type of project."

For the three years that Delores has attended Prairie View, she has served as an usher and has participated in many campus activities.

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TWO HUNDRED NINETY-THREE CANDIDATES RECEIVED DEGREES

State NFA Meet to Conven June 2-4

The Prairie View campus, although vacated by the regular student body, will bear all the earmarks of a well-populated community from June 2 to 4, when the state New Farmers of America invade the locale.

With 177 schools throughout the State sending from three to six representatives, the boys — along with their school advisers — will swell the conference to an anticipated total delegation of 1,185 persons.

Many activities will take place during the 23d Annual Convention of the Texas Association of NFA, which is a member of the national organization for boys in Vocational Agriculture.

Judging contests of livestock and meat, leadership contests for quartets, public speaking, vocal solos, various "talent" performances, and a quiz on parliamentary procedure will fill the three-day meeting.

Among the outstanding speakers to participate in the meeting will be: C. R. Robinson, Field Representative of the Farm Security Administration; A. H. Fuhr, Services of Production Credit Administration, Washington, D. C.; Sherman Briscoe, Information Specialist, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; L. J. Washington, U. S. Department

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Commencement Speaker, J. C. Evans, Civilian Aide, to Asst't Secretary of Defense.

President Evans Receives Honor at Conf'ce Banquet

On Tuesday evening, May 11, the Southwestern Athletic Conference, holding its 34th Annual spring meeting, paid tribute to three of its original organizers at a banquet in

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Mr. J. C. Evans Stresses 'Objectives'

Two hundred and sixty-seven Bachelor's Degrees, 26 Master's Degrees and 12 Trade Certificates were conferred, Sunday, May 16, at commencement convocation ceremonies.

At 10:30 A.M., the Baccalaureate-Commencement Convocation procession of administrative officers and faculty, candidates for the Bachelor's Degrees, candidates for the Master's Degree, the President and Convocation Speaker, marched into the Auditorium-Gymnasium to the organ strains of "War March of the Priests" from "Athalia" by Mendelssohn.

President of Prairie View, Dr. E. B. Evans, presented the Convocation speaker, Mr. J. C. Evans, Civilian Assistant, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Evans, who spoke "to the class and about the class with respect to their next major objectives," referred to the introduction of land-grant college movements in America, introduced by Senator Morrill in 1862. Historically, he pointed to the fact that, "Since 1876, this institution (Prairie View) has expanded to add to the enlightenment of the people."

The speaker commended the military program of the institution, "Which will commission its 303rd graduate on this date."

The graduates of '54 were challenged to include in their objectives

worthwhile participation in trades and industries, technological research and social science careers.

"Permit me to emphasize the importance of having a major objective and having always in that objective the concept of service," the speaker added.

In closing, the address directed the attention of the graduates to the well-loved lines of poetry, "As long as the rivers run to the sea . . . Alma Mater, Hail and Farewell!"

Degrees conferred included: The School of Agriculture—23 Bachelor of Science in Agriculture;

The School of Arts and Sciences—64 Bachelor of Arts; 13 Bachelor of Arts in Music; 30 Bachelor of Science; 79 Bachelor of Science in Education;

The School of Engineering—2 Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering; one each in Civil and Electrical Engineering;

The School of Home Economics—35 Bachelor of Science in Home Economics; 5 Bachelor of Science in Dietetics;

The Division of Industrial Education—14 Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education, and Trade Certificates—one each in Masonry, Welding, Foods and Nutrition; two each in Tailoring, Radio Technology and Automobile Mechanics. One certificate was awarded by the

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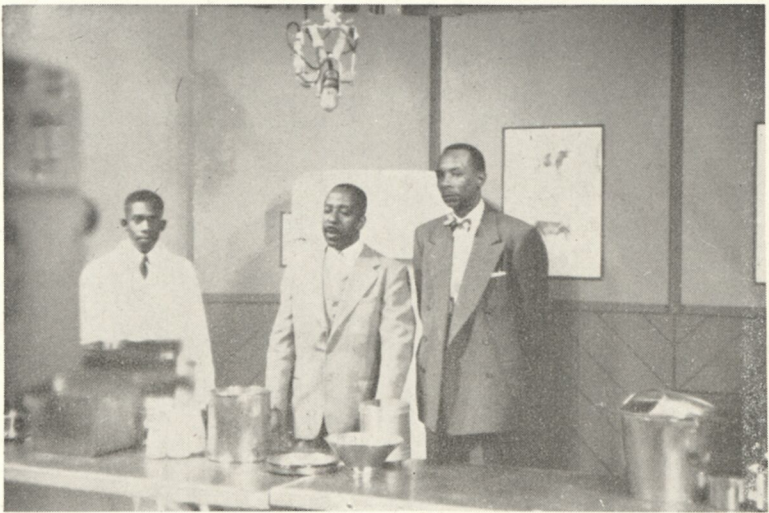
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School of Arts and Sciences in Secretarial Science.

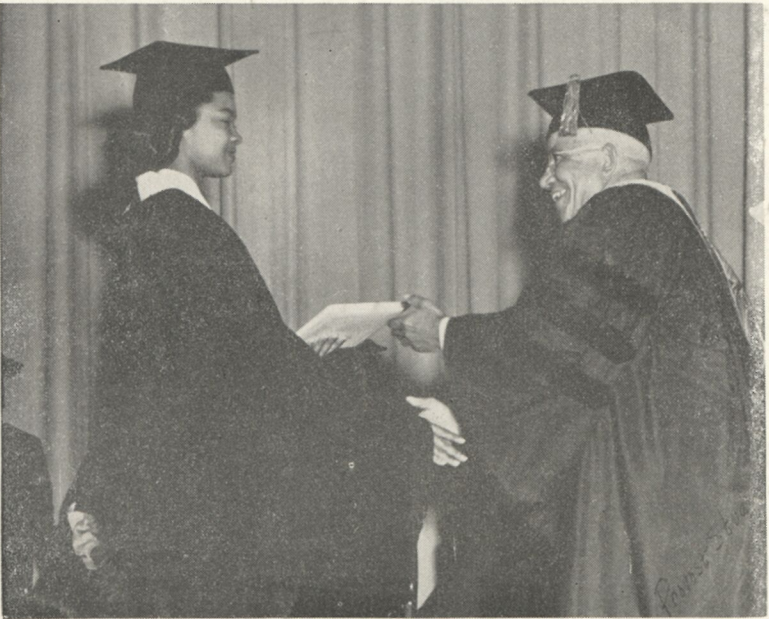
A total of 28 graduates received commissions as Second Lieutenants of Infantry, United States Army Reserves. Twenty-one commissions had been received January 26, 1954.

Three Alumni Awards were presented to: Keesler Montgomery, '41, Attorney, Boston, Mass.; Fannie A. Robinson, class of '29, Civic Worker, Houston; and Maceo A. Sloan, Class of '37, Business Executive, Philadelphia, Pa.

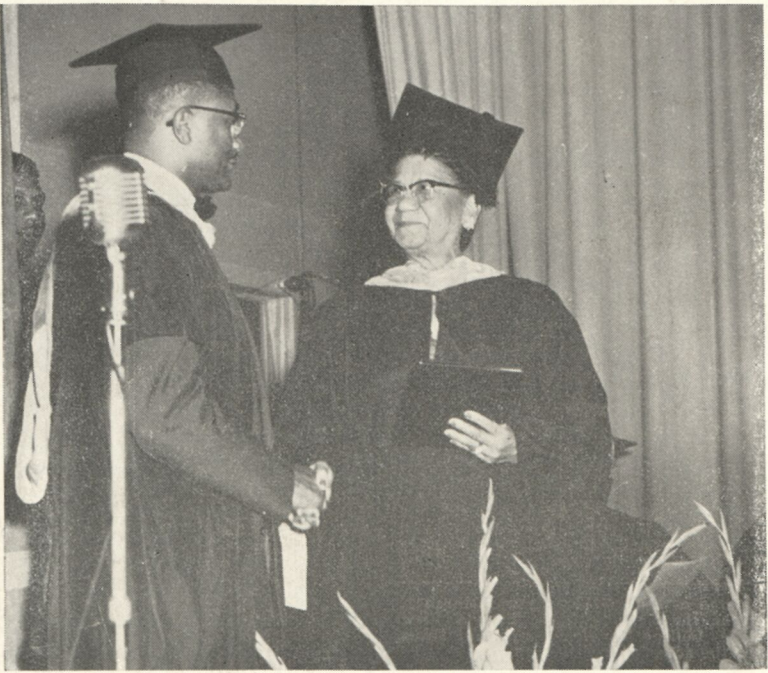
Music was furnished by the College Choir under the direction of Dr. R. von Charlton and Mrs. Essie C. Lopez at the organ.



THE SHOW GOES ON . . . as the TV program for Prairie View is telecast from KPRC-TV, Houston; Dr. G. R. Woolfolk, Chairman of the PV-TV shows, is pictured center; (right), L. W. Ingram, Dairy Husbandry Instructor, and Cluren Richardson (left), senior, recently presented a program highlighting dairying as offered by the School of Agriculture.



SMILE OF PLEASURE appeared on the faces of President E. B. Evans as he conferred the Bachelor's Degree on Miss Nola Jane Simon, recipient, during Commencement Convocation, Sunday, May 16. The President repeated the performance 292 times.



MRS. FANNIE A. ROBINSON . . . Civic Worker, Houston, was recognized by the Prairie View Alumni Association "for having distinguished herself through service." W. D. Thompson, President of the Prairie View Alumni Association is shown (left) as the presentation was made May 16.



Cleopatra Donley, Senior, Physical Education major, Galveston, Texas, will serve as an attendant to "Miss Prairie View" next year.



WILL REIGN NEXT YEAR . . . Bennie Jewel Douglas, Senior, music major, from Caldwell, Texas, was recently elected by the Prairie View student body to reign as "Miss Prairie View" 1954-55. The future queen of the campus anticipates a summer vacation filled with getting ready for her "regal performances" next Fall.



Peggy Ann Fields, Senior, Business Administration major from Dallas, Texas, will be the queen's second attendant during the new session.

PV English Major Accepted In Chicago Summer Project

Delores Faye Eubanks, junior, major in the Department of English, from Beckville, Texas, has received notice that she has been accepted as a participant in the Chicago Community Service Project, one of the national summer projects of the Student YMCA and YWCA.

The project is sponsored by the Geneva Region Councils and administered by the YWCA Geneva Region Office.

Miss Eubanks will live on the Chicago University campus and will share with students from all parts of the country in work of one of the big social agencies of Chicago.

Along with other students who will participate in this Project, the P. V. coed will have an opportunity to understand life in a large American city through work experience

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Minnie Lee Irving, state president of NHA, attends the Stanton-Whitehouse High School, Tyler. She presided during the recent state meeting held on the Prairie View campus.

Once an opinion is formed, it takes dynamite to change it.

Genius implies an indifference to consequence.

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"Miss Texas," coed Ina Belle Daniels, Dallas, Texas, was feted recently by the Dallas Deluxe Social and Civic Club; she is a Sophomore, Business Administration major.



Elizabeth South of Central High School, Galveston, was one of the leaders in the state New Homemakers meeting, recently held.

PV Graduate Is Assis't Instructor

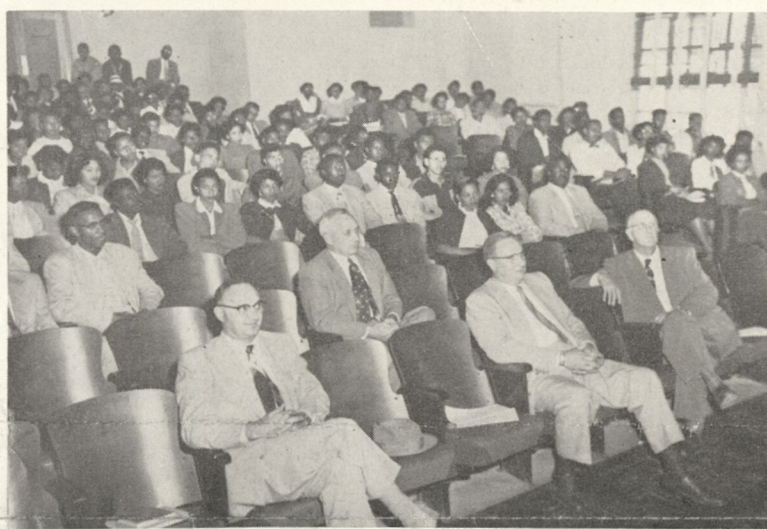
Mrs. Burnadine Langston Lewis, a Home Economics graduate of Prairie View, is Assistant Instructor in Foods and Nutrition at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas.

She is working toward her doctoral degree, with a major in Nutrition.

Promptness is a penalty I gladly pay because it relieves one from uttering those apologetic cliches.

When the day is done and softly falls the night, a reasonable precaution is to lock the door and count your change.

ALL OF THE MAY CONFERENCES ARE SUCCESSFUL



Pictured in the top photograph are members of one of the several panel-discussion groups presented throughout the 7th Annual Housing Conference. Prominently displayed in back of the panel is theme of Conference.

The bottom picture shows part of the audience during the two-day meeting which attracted near 300 visitors.

Plans Continue To Grow For Annual Summer Band Camp

"In the interest of the development of better band music, the Second Annual Band Camp on the Prairie View College campus, August 2 to 13, is being held," stated Dr. J. M. Drew, Director of the 1954 Summer School Session.

Band Directors throughout the state are being invited to attend the camp for the two-week period. They will receive two semester hours of credit for their participation.

The first week of the Camp, August 2-6, will be devoted to the Band Directors, solely; while the second week, August 9-13, will be attended by high school students and the Directors.

Courses will be offered in woodwinds, brasses and stringed instruments, and are open to any student who is able to count time and keep place in music containing quarter, eighth and sixteenth notes.

Dr. R. von Charlton, Head of the Department of Music, and Mr. Julius B. Jones, Director of Instrumental Music, are Co-chairmen of the Band Camp.

The expert consultant-clinicians who will serve during the Camp are: Raymond Weaver, eminent oboist and expert in woodwinds; and Ralph Leise, trombonist and teacher of brass instruments at the University of Houston — both of whom are currently playing with the Houston Symphony Orchestra.

A course will be offered for the training of majorettes, also.

The cost of the Band Camp offerings is \$13.50 for Band Directors for the two weeks. This amount includes registration fee, but does not include room rent (35 cents per night) or meals which can be had at a reasonable cost in the College Cafeteria.

The cost for high school students will be \$10.50 for the one week. The amount covers both room and board for the week the students are on campus.

Band Directors and students who are interested in attending should forward their names to Mr. Julius B. Jones, Prairie View A. & M. College, Prairie View, Texas.

Housing Conference Attracts Specialists

To the near 300 visitors who attended the 7th Annual Housing Conference May 7-8, President E. B. Evans addressed "words of welcome" in the opening session held in the Administration-Auditorium.

The conference membership was acquainted with the College's expanding program in these words by the President: "We seek to keep up with changing times by revising our curriculum and extending our services to meet present-day needs."

Mr. A. Maceo Smith, Racial Relations Officer, Federal Housing Authority, Dallas, was given recognition for "the effort he has continuously exerted to improve and expand the Prairie View Housing Conference."

In his remarks to the delegation, the Racial Relations Officer spoke "of the improvements which are constantly taking place in the housing situation of Negro citizens throughout the state of Texas." He emphasized that people take pride in their homes regardless of race—especially, when they can be proud of their homes.

Keynote addresses were delivered by: R. G. Hughes, President, NAHB, Washington, D. C.; Reginald A. Johnson, Director of Housing Department, National Urban League, New York City; Marshall W. Amis, Director, Forth Worth Field Office, PHA.

The Dean of the School of Engineering, C. L. Wilson, served as general chairman for the conference plans.

Near 1000 New Homemakers Attend Conference

The more than 900 New Homemakers of America led by students Minnie Lee Irving, Stanton-Whitehouse High School, Tyler, state president, and Maurine Flowers, Colored High School, Jefferson, convened May 7-8, also, to discuss the theme, "NHA In the Educational Program of Texas."

According to Mrs. Lois B. Pendergraff, State Adviser, the program-plans of the Conference were designed to fulfill "learning and leadership methods, and find different ways in which NHA can work to make better schools by improving homes in the community."

Adult supervision of NHA activities in Texas, is headed by the Texas Education Agency with Miss Ruth Huey, Chief of Home and Family Life Education, serving as chairman of the state advisory board. Mrs. Lois B. Pendergraff, and Mrs. E. M. Galloway, Dean of the Prairie View School of Home Economics, assisted in directing the work of the homemaking teachers throughout the state.



Platform guests and members of the NHA Conference are welcomed by President Evans during the opening session (top picture); while the entertainment pictured in the bottom photo helped to make the entire conference program more enjoyable.